# **PROPOSAL**

**DEVELOPED FOR** 

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# KEEPING DRINKING WATER SAFE FOR INDUSTRIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

For over 30 years, HydroCorp™ has been dedicated to safe drinking water for companies and communities across North America. Fortune 500 firms, metropolitan centers, utilities, small towns and businesses – all rely on HydroCorp to protect their water systems, averting backflow contamination and the acute health risks and financial liabilities it incurs.



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CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL / BACKFLOW PREVENTION

WATER SYSTEM
SURVEYS / AUDITS

PIPE SYSTEM MAPPING AND LABELING

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PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE / DOCUMENTATION



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## **SCOPE OF WORK**

Based on your current program, HydroCorp™ will provide the following services to Georgetown Township. This project is a continued effort for an ongoing Cross-Connection Control Program and will provide Georgetown Township with the necessary data and information to maintain compliance with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Water Bureau Cross Connection Control Regulations. Once this project has been approved and accepted by the Township and HydroCorp, you may expect completion of the following elements within a three (3) year period. The components of the project include:

- 1. Annually, perform a minimum of **2,820** initial inspections, compliance inspections, and re-inspections at individual residential and multi-family residential water users within the Township served by the public water supply for cross-connections. Inspections of the property exterior will be conducted in accordance with the DEQ Water Bureau Cross Connection Control regulations.
- 2. Generate all backflow prevention assembly test notices, non-compliance notices and coordinate/monitor backflow prevention assembly testing compliance for all backflow prevention assemblies.
- 3. Perform administrative functions including: answering water user telephone calls, scheduling of inspections, mailing of all notices, verification of backflow prevention assembly tester credentials & proper testing results and general customer service and program education inquiries.
- 4. Generate and document the required program data for the facilities using the HydroCorp Software Data Management Program.
- 5. Submit comprehensive management reports on a quarterly basis.
- 6. Conduct an annual review meeting to discuss overall program status and recommendations.
- 7. Provide up to six- (6) ASSE approved hose bibb vacuum breakers or anti-frost hose bibb vacuum breakers, (i.e. combination) per facility as required, in order to place a facility into immediate compliance at the time of inspection. A maximum of 8,000 vacuum breakers will be provided during the contract period.
- 8. Prepare the annual State of Michigan, DEQ Water Bureau Cross Connection Report.
- 9. Assist the Township with a community wide public relations program including general awareness brochures and customized web site cross connection control program overview content and resources.
- 10. Provide ongoing support via phone, fax, internet, text or email.

The above services will be provided for:

Monthly Amount: \$ 10,400.00 Annual Amount: \$ 124,800.00 Contract Total: \$ 374,400.00

Contract Amount is based upon a 36-month period. HydroCorp will invoice in 36 equal amounts of \$ 10,400.00



# PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

This agreement, made and entered into this (<u>Date</u>) by and between Georgetown Township organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan referred to as "Utility", and HydroCorp™ a Michigan Corporation, referred to as "HydroCorp".

WHEREAS, the Utility supplies potable water throughout its corporate boundary to property owners; and desires to enter into a professional services contract for cross connection control program inspection, reporting and management services.

WHEREAS, HydroCorp is experienced in and capable of supplying professional inspection of potable water distribution systems and cross connection control program management to the Utility and the Utility desires to engage HydroCorp to act as its independent contractor in its cross connection control program.

WHEREAS, the Utility has the authority under the laws of the State of Michigan and its local governing body to enter into this professional services contract.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained, and subject to the terms and conditions herein stated, the parties agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE I. Purpose**

During the term of this Agreement, the Utility agrees to engage HydroCorp as an independent contractor to inspect and document its findings on its potable water distribution system in public, commercial and industrial facilities within the community. Each party to this Agreement agrees that it will cooperate in good faith with the other, its agents, and subcontractors to facilitate the performance of the mutual obligations set forth in this Agreement. Both Parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that the information presented to them is complete and accurate, yet due to the inaccessible nature of water piping or due to access constraints within water users' facilities, complete and accurate data is not always available.

### **ARTICLE II. Scope of Services**

The scope of services to be provided by HydroCorp under this Agreement will include the inspections/surveys, program administration, answering telephone call inquires, scheduling of inspections, program compliance review, public education materials, preparation of quarterly management reports, and annual cross connection reports with respect to the facilities to the extent specifically set forth in this Article II (hereinafter the "Scope of Services"). Should other reports/services be included within the Scope of Services, the same shall be appended to this Agreement as Exhibit 1.

- **2.1 PROGRAM REVIEW/PROGRAM START UP MEETING.** HydroCorp will conduct a Program Startup Meeting for the Cross-Connection Control/Backflow Prevention Program. Items for discussion/review will include the following:
  - Review state & local regulations
  - Review and/or provide assistance in establishing local Cross-Connection Control Ordinance
  - Review/establish wording and timeliness for program notifications including:
    - Inspection Notice
    - Compliance Notice
    - Non-Compliance Notices 1-2, Penalty Notices
  - Special Program Notices
  - Electronic use of notices/program information
  - Obtain updated facility listing, address information and existing program data from Utility
  - Prioritize Inspections (Township buildings, schools, high hazard facilities, special circumstances.)



- Review/establish procedure for vacant facilities
- Establish facility inspection schedule
- Review/establish procedures and protocol for addressing specific hazards
- Review/establish high hazard, complex facilities and large industrial facility inspection/containment
  procedures including supplemental information/notification that may be requested from these types of
  facilities in order to achieve program compliance.
- Review/establish program reporting procedures including electronic reporting tools
- Review/establish educational and public awareness brochures
- 2.2 INSPECTIONS. HydroCorp will perform initial inspections, compliance inspections, and re-inspections at individual industrial, commercial, institutional facilities and miscellaneous water users within the utility served by the public water supply for cross-connections. Inspections will be conducted in accordance with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Cross Connection Control Rules.
  - Initial Inspection the first time a HydroCorp representative inspects a facility for cross connections. Degree of Hazard will be assigned and/or verified during this facility visit. The Degree of Hazard will dictate future re-inspection frequency/schedule of facility, (facility will be either compliant or non-compliant after this inspection).
  - Compliance Inspection subsequent visit by a HydroCorp representative to a facility that was non-compliant during the *Initial Inspection* to verify that corrective action was completed and meets the program requirements.
  - Re-Inspection Revisit by a HydroCorp representative to a facility that was previously inspected. The reinspection frequency/schedule is based on the degree of hazard assigned to the facility during the initial inspection (two, six or ten year re-inspection cycle).
- 2.3 INSPECTION SCHEDULE. HydroCorp shall determine and coordinate the inspection schedule. Inspection personnel will check in/out on a daily basis with the Utility's designated contact person. The initial check in will include a list of inspections scheduled. An exit interview will include a list of inspections completed.
- 2.4 PROGRAM DATA. HydroCorp will generate and document the required program data for the Facility Types listed in the Scope of Services using the HydroCorp Software Data Management Program. Program Data shall remain property of the Utility; however, the HydroCorp Software Data Management program shall remain the property of HydroCorp and can be purchased for an additional fee. Data services will include:
  - Prioritize and schedule inspections
  - Notify users of inspections, backflow device installation and testing requirements if applicable
  - Monitor inspection compliance using the HydroCorp online software management program.
  - Maintain program to comply with all MDEQ regulations
- **2.5 MANAGEMENT REPORTS.** HydroCorp will submit comprehensive management reports in electronic, downloadable format on a quarterly & annual basis to the Utility. Reports to include the following information:
  - Name, location and date of inspections
  - Number of facilities inspected/surveyed
  - Number of facilities compliant/non-compliant
- 2.6 REVIEW OF CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL ORDINANCE. HydroCorp will review or assist in the development of a cross-connection control ordinance. Items for review include: Code adoption references, standard operational procedures, program notice documentation, reporting procedures and preference standards and penalties for non-compliance.



- 2.7 VACUUM BREAKERS. HydroCorp will provide up to six (6) ASSE approved hose bibb vacuum breakers or anti-frost hose bibb vacuum breakers per facility as required, up to 8,000, in order to place a facility into immediate compliance at the time of inspection if no other cross-connections are identified.
- **2.8 PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM.** HydroCorp will assist the Utility with a community-wide public relations program including general awareness brochures and website cross connection control program content.
- **2.9 SUPPORT.** HydroCorp will provide ongoing support via phone, fax, text, website or email for the contract period.
- **2.10 FACILITY TYPES.** The facility types included in the program are as follows:
  - Residential
  - Multi-Family Residential
- **2.11 INSPECTION TERMS.** HydroCorp will perform a minimum of **8,460** total inspections over a **three (3) year** contract period. The total inspections include all initial inspections, compliance and re-inspections.
- 2.12 COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ). HydroCorp will assist in compliance with DEQ and Michigan Residential Code cross connection control program requirements for all residential and multifamily facilities.
- **2.13 POLICY MANUAL.** HydroCorp will review and/or develop a comprehensive cross connection control policy manual/plan and submit to the appropriate regulatory agency for approval on behalf of the Utility.
- **2.14 INVENTORY.** HydroCorp shall inventory all accessible (ground level) backflow prevention assemblies and devices. Documentation will include: location, size, make, model and serial number if applicable.
- **2.15 DATA MANAGEMENT.** HydroCorp shall provide data management and program notices for all inspection services throughout the contract period.
- **2.16 ANNUAL YEAR END REVIEW.** HydroCorp will conduct an on-site annual year-end review meeting to discuss overall program status and specific program recommendations.
- **2.17 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL BROCHURES.** HydroCorp will provide approximately **32,000** cross-connection control educational brochures for the duration of the Agreement.
- **2.18 INSURANCE.** HydroCorp will provide all required copies of general liability, workers compensation and errors and omissions insurance naming the Utility as an additional insured if required.



### **ARTICLE III. Responsibilities of the Utility**

- **3.1 UTILITY'S REPRESENTATIVE.** On or before the date services are to commence under this Agreement, the Utility shall designate an authorized representative ("Authorized Representative") to administer this Agreement.
- **3.2 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.** The Utility, with the technical and professional assistance of HydroCorp, shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations as they pertain to the water inspection and testing, and shall pay for any capital improvements needed to bring the water treatment and delivery system into compliance with the aforementioned laws.
- **3.3 NOTICE OF LITIGATION.** In the event that the Utility or HydroCorp has or receives notice of or undertakes the prosecution of any actions, claims, suits, administrative or undertakes the prosecution of any actions, claims, suits, administrative or arbitration proceedings, or investigations in connection with this Agreement, the party receiving such notice or undertaking of such prosecution shall give the other party timely notice of such proceedings and will inform the other party in advance of all hearings regarding such proceedings.
- **3.4 FACILITY LISTING.** The Utility must provide HydroCorp a complete list of facilities to be inspected, including facility name, type of service connection, address, contact person, and phone number, (if available). Electronic file format such as Microsoft Excel, etc. is required. An additional one-time fee to manually enter facility listing will be charged at the rate of \$80.00 per hour. Incorrect facility addresses will be returned to the Utility contact and corrected address will be requested.
- **3.5 LETTERHEAD/LOGO.** The Utility will provide HydroCorp with an electronic file copy of the utility logo or utility letterhead and all envelopes for the mailing of all official program correspondence only. (300 dpi in either .eps, or other high quality image format for printing.)

# **ARTICLE IV. Term, Compensation and Changes in Scope of Services**

- **4.1 TERM AND TERMINATION TERM.** Services by HydroCorp under this Agreement shall commence on <a href="Date">(Date)</a> and end three (3) years from such date, unless this Agreement is renewed or terminated as provided herein. The terms of this Agreement shall be valid only upon the execution of this Agreement within ninety (90) days of its receipt. Failure to execute this Agreement within the ninety (90) day period shall deem the proposed terms void.
- **4.2 RENEWAL.** Upon the expiration of this Agreement the utility will have the option to renew this agreement for two (2) consecutive one (1) year period. Increases in fees for each additional term will be based on the consumer price index, but no more than 3% annually.
- **4.3 TERMINATION.** The Utility or HydroCorp may terminate this Agreement at any time and on any date in the initial and renewal terms of this Agreement, with or without any cause, by giving written notice of such intent to terminate to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. Notice of the intent to terminate shall be given in writing by personal service, by an authorized agent, or by certified mail, return receipt requested. The Utility shall pay the balance of any outstanding accounts for work performed by HydroCorp.
- **4.4 BASE COMPENSATION.** From the Beginning thirty (30) days after execution of this Agreement, the Utility shall pay HydroCorp as compensation ("Base Compensation") for labor, equipment, material, supplies, and utilities provided and the services performed pursuant to this Agreement, the sum of \$10,400.00 per month, \$124,800.00 annually for a three (3) year contract period totaling \$374,400.00.



- **4.5 PAYMENT OF INVOICES.** Upon presentation of invoices by HydroCorp, all payments including base and other compensation shall be due and payable on the first day of each month (due date) after the month for which services have been rendered. All such payments shall be made no later than thirty (30) days after the due date. Failure to pay shall be deemed a default under this Agreement. For any payment to HydroCorp which is not made within thirty (30) calendar days after the due date, HydroCorp, shall receive interest at one and one-half (1½) percent per month on the unpaid balance.
- 4.6 CHANGES IN SCOPE OF SERVICES. In the event that the Utility requests and HydroCorp consents to perform additional work or services involving the consulting, management, operation, maintenance, and repair of the Utility's water delivery system where such services or work exceeds or changes the Scope of Services contemplated under this Agreement, HydroCorp shall be provided additional compensation. Within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of notice of such additional work or services, the parties shall mutually agree upon an equitable sum for additional compensation. This amount shall be added to the monthly sum effective at the time of change in scope. Changes in the Scope of Service include, but are not limited to, requests for additional service by the Utility or additional costs incurred in meeting new or changed government regulations or reporting requirements.
- 4.7 CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY. Disclosure of all communications between HydroCorp and the Utility regarding business practices and other methods and forms of doing business is subject to the provisions of Michigan Public Records Law. HydroCorp agrees to make available for inspection and copying all records in its possession created, produced, collected or otherwise related to this Agreement to the same extent as if the records were maintained by the Utility. HydroCorp expressly acknowledges and agrees that its obligations concerning Public Records Law and compliance under this Agreement should not be limited by copyright, license, privacy and/or confidentiality except as authorized under the Public Records Law.
- **4.8 ACCESSIBILITY.** Backflow prevention device information will be completed in full only when the identifying information (i.e. data plate, brass tag, etc.) is accessible and visible from ground level or from a fixed platform/mezzanine.
- **4.9 CONFINED SPACES.** HydroCorp personnel will not enter confined spaces.

## **ARTICLE V. Risk Management and General Provisions**

- **5.1 INFORMATION.** Both Parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that the information presented to them is complete to the best of their knowledge, yet due to the inaccessible nature of water piping or lack of access provided by property owner/water user, complete accurate data is not always available. Cross-connection control inspection and results are documented as of a specific date. The property owner and/or water user may make modifications to the potable water system after the inspection date that may impact compliance with the program.
- INDEMNIFICATION. HydroCorp agrees to and shall hold the Utility, its elected and appointed officers, and employees harmless from any liability for claims or damages for personal injury or property damage which is caused by or arises from the sole negligence of HydroCorp in the performance of its services under this Agreement. The Utility agrees to and shall hold HydroCorp, its officers, and employees harmless from any liability for claims or damages for personal injury or property damage which is caused by, or arises from, the sole negligence of the Utility. In the event that both HydroCorp and the Utility are found by a fact finder to be negligent and the negligence of both is a proximate cause of such claim for damage, then in such event each party shall be responsible for the portion of the liability equal to its comparative share of the total negligence. HydroCorp's liability to the Utility for any loss, damage, claim, or expense of any kind or nature caused directly or indirectly by the performance or non-performance of



obligations pursuant to this Agreement shall be limited to general money damages in an amount not exceed or within the limits of the insurance coverage provided hereunder. HydroCorp shall in no event be liable for indirect or consequential damages, including but not limited to, loss of profits, loss of revenue, or loss of facilities, based upon contract, negligence, or any other cause of action.

Occurrence Aggregate

**5.3 HYDROCORP INSURANCE.** HydroCorp currently maintains the following insurance coverage's and limits:

	Occurrence	Aggiegate
Comprehensive General Liability	\$1 Million	\$2 Million
Excess Umbrella Liability	\$5 Million	\$5 Million
Automobile Liability (Combined Single Limit)	\$1 Million	
Worker's Compensation/ Employer's Liability	\$1 Million	
Errors and Omissions	\$2 Million	\$2 Million

Within thirty (30) calendar days of the start of the project, HydroCorp shall furnish the Utility with satisfactory proof of such insurance, and each policy will require a 30-day notice of cancellation to be given to the Utility while this Agreement is in effect. The Utility shall be named as an additional insured according to its interest under the general liability policy during the term of this Agreement.

- **5.4 UTILITY INSURANCE.** The Utility will maintain liability insurance on an all risk basis and including extended coverage for matters set forth in this Agreement. The Utility and HydroCorp agree that with respect to insurance coverage carried by either party in connection with the Facilities, such insurance will provide for the waiver by the insurance carrier of any subrogation rights against the Utility or against HydroCorp as the case may be.
- **S.5 RELATIONSHIP.** The relationship of HydroCorp to the Utility is that of independent contractor and not one of employment. None of the employees or agents of HydroCorp shall be considered employees of the Utility. For the purposes of all state, local, and federal laws and regulations, the Utility shall exercise primary management, and operational and financial decision-making authority.
- **ENTIRE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS.** This Agreement contains the entire Agreement between the Utility and HydroCorp, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications, representations, understandings, or agreements. This Agreement may be modified only by a written amendment signed by both parties.
- **5.7 HEADINGS, ATTACHMENTS, AND EXHIBITS.** The heading contained in this Agreement is for reference only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The Attachments and Exhibits to this Agreement shall be construed as integral parts of this Agreement.
- **5.8 WAIVER.** The failure on the part of either party to enforce its rights as to any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of its rights to enforce such provisions in the future.
- **5.9 ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement shall not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other unless such assignment shall be to the affiliate or successor of either party.
- **5.10 FORCE MAJEURE.** A party's performance under this Agreement shall be excused if, and to the extent that, the party is unable to perform because of actions due to causes beyond its reasonable control such as, but not limited to, Acts of God, the acts of civil or military authority, loss of potable water sources, water system contamination, floods, quarantine restrictions, riot, strikes, commercial impossibility, fires, explosions, bombing, and all such interruptions of business, casualties, events, or circumstances reasonably beyond the control of the party obligated to perform, whether such other causes are related or unrelated, similar or dissimilar, to any of the foregoing. In the event of any such force majeure, the



party unable to perform shall promptly notify the other party of the existence of such force majeure and shall be required to resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement upon the termination of the aforementioned force majeure.

- **5.11 AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT.** Each party warrants and represents that it has authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform the obligations, including any payment obligations, under this Agreement.
- **5.12 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, regardless of the fact that any of the parties hereto may be or may become a resident of a different state or jurisdiction. Any suit or action arising shall be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Michigan, venue by the presiding County. The parties hereby consent to the personal jurisdiction of said court within the State of Michigan.
- **5.13 COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.
- **5.14 NOTICES.** All notices, requests, demands, payments and other communications which are required or may be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or sent by nationally recognized overnight carrier, or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, as follows:

If to HydroCorp:

HydroCorp c/o John Hudak 5700 Crooks Road, Ste. 100 Troy, MI 48337 (248) 250-5005 If to Utility:

Joel Hanenburg DPW Director Georgetown Township 1515 Baldwin St., P.O. Box 769 Jenison, MI 48429-0769

**5.15 SEVERABILITY.** Should any part of this Agreement for any reason, be declared invalid or void, such declaration will not affect the remaining portion, which will remain in full force and effect as if the Agreement has been executed with the invalid portion eliminated.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement effective as of the date first above written.

# **Georgetown Township**

By: Title:

# **HydroCorp**

By: John Hudak Its: President



# **Qualifications/Experience**

**HydroCorp™** is a professional service organization that specializes in Cross Connection Control Programs. Cross Connection Control Program Management & Training is the <u>main</u> core and <u>focus</u> of our business. We are committed to providing water utilities and local communities with a cost effective and professionally managed cross connection control program in order to assist in protecting the public water supply.

- HydroCorp conducts over 30,000 Cross Connection Control Inspections *annually*.
- HydroCorp tracks and manages over 35,000+ backflow prevention assemblies for our Municipal client base.
- Our highly trained staff works in an efficient manner in order to achieve maximum productivity and keep program costs affordable. We have a detailed system and process that each of our field inspectors follow in order to meet productivity and quality assurance goals.
- Our municipal inspection team is committed to providing outstanding customer service to the water users in each of the communities we serve. We teach and train <u>customer service</u> skills in addition to the technical skills since our team members act as representatives of the community that we service.
- Our municipal inspection team has attended training classes and received certification from the following
  recognized Cross Connection Control Programs: UF TREEO, UW-Madison, and USC Foundation for Cross
  Connection Control and Hydraulic Research, American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA), American
  Society for Sanitary Engineering (ASSE). HydroCorp recognizes the importance of Professional
  Development and Learning. We invest heavily in internal and external training with our team members to
  ensure that each Field Service and Administrative team member has the skills and abilities to meet the
  needs of our clients.
- We have a trained administrative staff to handle client needs, water user questions and answer telephone
  calls in a professional, timely and courtesy manner. Our administrative staff can answer most technical
  calls related to the cross connection control program and have attended basic cross connection control
  training classes.
- HydroCorp currently serves over 200 communities in Michigan, Wisconsin, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia & Florida. We still have our first customer!
- HydroCorp and its' staff are active members in many water industry associations including: National Rural Water Association, State Rural Water Associations, National AWWA, State AWWA Groups, HydroCorp is committed to assisting these organizations by providing training classes, seminars and assistance in the area of Cross Connection Control.
- Several Fortune 500 companies have relied on HydroCorp to provide Cross Connection Control Surveys,
   Program Management & Reporting to assist in meeting state/local regulations as well as internal company
   guidelines.